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DEPT PLEASE PASS DOD/ISA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
JAMES NOYES FROM AMBASSADOR ELIOT

DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR NEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GENERAL ABDUL KARIM MOSTAGHNI - VIP ARMY TOUR

1. I WANT TO REGISTER MY CONCERN AT THE DECISION WHICH LEFT
GENERAL ABDUL KARIM MOSTAGHNI OFF THE LIST OF NOMINEES
CHOSEN FOR THE ARMY VIP TOUR.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, AFGHANISTAN IS A REGIME DOMINATED BY THE
MILITARY. AT THE SAME TIME, BECAUSE OF THE OVERWHELMING
RUSSIAN INFLUENCE AND ACCESS TO THE MILITARY OWING TO THE
FACT THAT THE USSR IS THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY SUPPLIER HERE,
OUR MISSION HAS PRECIOUS FEW OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A POINT
OR TWO TO THE AFGHAN MILITARY.

3. MOSTAGHNI, AS HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, IS ONE OF
THE TOP FIVE LEADERS IN THE COUNTRY. HE IS LIKELY TO BE
PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IN THE
EVOLUTION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF AFGHANISTAN. A VIP TOUR FOR
HIM AT THIS TIME WOULD, I BELIEVE, PAY IMPORTANT DIVIDENDS
FOR US AND OUR OBJECTIVES HERE.

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4. I KNOW THAT STATE/NEA IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS IF MORE INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL IN A RECON-

SIDERATION OF THIS CASE. WE, OF COURSE, ALSO ARE READY TO
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND IF THAT SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

5. BEST REGARDS.

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